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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES TO ICRC

1. DURING APRIL 10 CONVERSATION WITH ICRC REPRESENTATIVES IN SANTIAGO (SEPTTEL), THEY REAFFIRMED ICRC WILLINGNESS TO PROCESS AND ANSWER INQUIRIES FROM THE US OR THE EMBASSY CONCERNING CHILEANS WHO MAY HAVE SECURITY PROBLEMS WITH THE GOC. THEY SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THE SANTIAGO OFFICE IS EQUIPPED TO HANDLE INQUIRIES FROM FAMILIES OR FRIENDS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE EITHER DISAPPEARED OR ARE IN DETENTION. EMBOFFS NOTED THAT VOLUME OF SUCH INQUIRIES TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY IS NOT GREAT BUT HAS NOTABLY INCREASED IN LAST TWO MONTHS, AND THAT DEPARTMENT IS ALREADY REFERRING MANY INQUIRIES TO ICRC SANTIAGO.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF ICRC WILLINGNESS TO HANDLE THESE REQUESTS, AND FACT IT HAS GREATER ABILITY TO GET INFORMATION THAN EMBASSY, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REFER AS MANY OF THESE INQUIRIES AS POSSIBLE TO ICRC SANTIAGO, WITH INFO TO EMBASSY. WE REALIZE OF COURSE THAT IN SOME CASES (CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER SENSITIVE ONES) IT MAY BE USEFUL TO USE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL CHANNEL ALSO, AND WE ARE AWARE OF EFFECT

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ON GOC OF OUR SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS THROUGH INFORMAL CHANNEL

AS INDICATION OF CONTINUING USG INTEREST IN DETAINEE PROBLEM.
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